

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO PARTIALLY FUND THE EUGENE A. OBREGON PARK POOL RENOVATION PROJECT (FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for County Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, in the amount of \$1,631,000 to partially fund the Eugene A. Obregon Park Pool Renovation Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1. Find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the project consists of replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the Project.
- 2. Approve the submission of a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for County Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, in the amount of \$1,631,000, to partially fund the Eugene A. Obregon Park Pool Renovation Project.
- 3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the

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County, to accept the grant funds, execute the agreement, conduct all negotiations, and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, amendments, Memorandum of Unrecorded Grant Agreement, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) for County Excess Funds, available to the First Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), in the amount of \$1,631,000, to partially fund the Eugene A. Obregon Park Pool Renovation Project (Project).

The Project is located at 4021 East First Street in Los Angeles. The proposed project includes renovation of the locker room, restrooms and shower area within the pool building to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act standards. In addition, the scope of work will include replacement of the pool shell, mechanical equipment and perimeter concrete deck. The total cost of the project is \$3,600,000.

In a related action on today's agenda, the District is recommending the allocation of \$1,613,000 in County Excess Funds to partially fund the Project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), by enhancing safe and accessible recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated total cost is \$3,600,000. The Project will be partially funded with \$1,631,000 in County Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District. Sufficient appropriation for the grant is budgeted in the First Supervisorial District's portion of the District's Excess Funds Project Fund.

Currently, the Project is funded with \$588,000 in net County cost and available in the Capital Project Budget. In addition, \$1,381,000 in Utility User Tax Cy Pres funds are anticipated to be appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Supplemental Resolution to fully fund the Project.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

Following completion of the Project, the Department will maintain the renovated pool and pool building. The Department anticipates a one-time, start-up cost of approximately \$50,000 for various pool and maintenance equipment, pool covers and dedication, and ongoing operating costs of approximately \$12,000 for maintenance supplies. The Department will work with the Chief Executive Office to determine the appropriate level of funding and submit a New Facilities request in the same fiscal year of project completion.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving

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grants of Excess Funds. The Department has met this requirement.

County Counsel has approved this Board Letter as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Obregon Park Pool Renovation Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15302 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 2 (e) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the proposed project consists of replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects or services at Eugene A. Obregon Park.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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County Counsel

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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